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1. The Totex plant (Tovarna Textilnich Stroju - Factory for Textile Machines) lies on the south edge of Chrastava in an area about 400 x 270 m. extending from north to south. On the north side of the factory is a rural road to Bily Kostel. On the east side are the Chrastava railroad station and the Liberec - Hradek nad Nisou line. To the south are meadows. Along the west side of the plant flows the Nisa river and beyond it is a forest. The north and east sides of the factory are fenced with iron posts bent over and pointed at the top, height about 2 1/2 meters. The west and south sides of the factory are fenced with wire netting about two meters high, on which there are three strands of barbed wire.
2. About 5,000 employees work in the factory, of whom about 40% are women. There are no prisoners working there.
3. Copper, bronze and ball-bearings are brought from the USSR. Most of the other materials come from the Kovomat center in Liberec.<sup>1</sup>
4. Production includes: engine blocks for Zetor 15, Zetor 25, and Skoda 30 tractors; crankshafts; cylinder linings for Zetor 15 and 25 tractors (these linings are used for cylinders instead of making the entire block of high-grade steel); Zetor 35 caterpillar tractors and harvesters. In addition, it is believed that tracks for tanks and bogie-wheels are also made here.
5. Engine blocks, crankshafts and cylinder linings go to the regional plant for agricultural supplies in Chrastava,<sup>1</sup> to Komarov and to somewhere<sup>2</sup> near Ceske Budejovice. Harvesters are only made in small quantities when ordered, and are shipped somewhere<sup>2</sup> in Slovakia. It is not known where the Zetor 35 caterpillar tractors are being shipped. The tracks and bogie-wheels go to the USSR. They are inspected by a Russian commission once every three months.

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6. There are lathes 12-18 meters long in the turning shop. In the grinding shop are only magnetic grinders.
7. The Five-Year Plan is fulfilled about 112%. The plant receives priority allocations by order of the Ministry of Agriculture. There is only a very small percentage of rejects, because anything a worker spoils he has to pay for through payroll deductions.
8. A tool grinder receives 2,500 Kcs. net a month. Wages on the whole are fair, and the employees are satisfied.
9. The manager of the store of finished products is Jaroslav Smrcek [redacted]  
[redacted] There  
are no Soviets permanently in the factory.
10. There are always 12 members of the Works Guard at the gatekeeper's post, and they perform guard duties throughout the plant. During the day one guard patrols the whole plant with a dog. One guard is always stationed between the fence and building No. 2, and others between buildings Nos. 2, 5, and 11, to check the special passes permitting access to buildings Nos. 4 and 7.
11. Morale is fairly good, for the employees have good wages and they can also buy all kinds of consumer goods cheaper from travelling stores. Most of the workers have their meals in the works dining-room, which is situated outside the plant, in the former Hotel Praha, on Nadrazni street. A small number of the workers live in three tenement houses belonging to the plant. The rest mostly commute from the surrounding region, from as far as Liberec or Hradec nad Nisou or Jablonne. The plant is now building new family houses for employees, who may buy them on an installment plan.
12. Political instruction consists of ten-minute periods every day. Once a week there is a meeting for the whole plant.

Legend to sketch of Totex:

1. Main gate.
2. Motor workshop, concrete construction, four stories. Ground floor: repair shop for motor vehicles. Upper floors: manufacture of spare parts.
3. Guard post.
4. Workshops, purpose unknown. Reinforced concrete, six stories. Special passes are needed to enter this building, controlled by guards stationed between buildings 2, 5 and 11, and between building No. 2 and the fence.
5. Boilerhouse, brick, two stories.
6. Power station, brick, two stories.
7. Stores, reinforced concrete, several stories. A narrow-gauge track leads from this store to building No. 4.
8. Overhead cablecar track to main stores situated in the forest, about 350 meters west of the plant.
9. Turning shop.

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10. Grinding shop. Tools, linings for cylinder heads and crankshafts for tractors are ground here.
11. Workshop, purpose unknown. Buildings 9, 10 and 11 are in a two-story, reinforced concrete building.
12. Store for finished products. Brick building, height about 10 meters.
13. Offices and gatekeepers' post.
14. Workshop, purpose unknown. Buildings 13 and 14 are in a reinforced concrete four-story building.
15. Railway track.
16. Liberec - Hradek nad Nisou railway line.
17. Chrastava Station.
18. Road to Bily Kostel and Zenska Hora.
19. Underground channel, from the Nisa river.

Comment: 1. Not further identified by Source.  
 2. Exact destination not given by Source.

Enclosure: Map section w/legend

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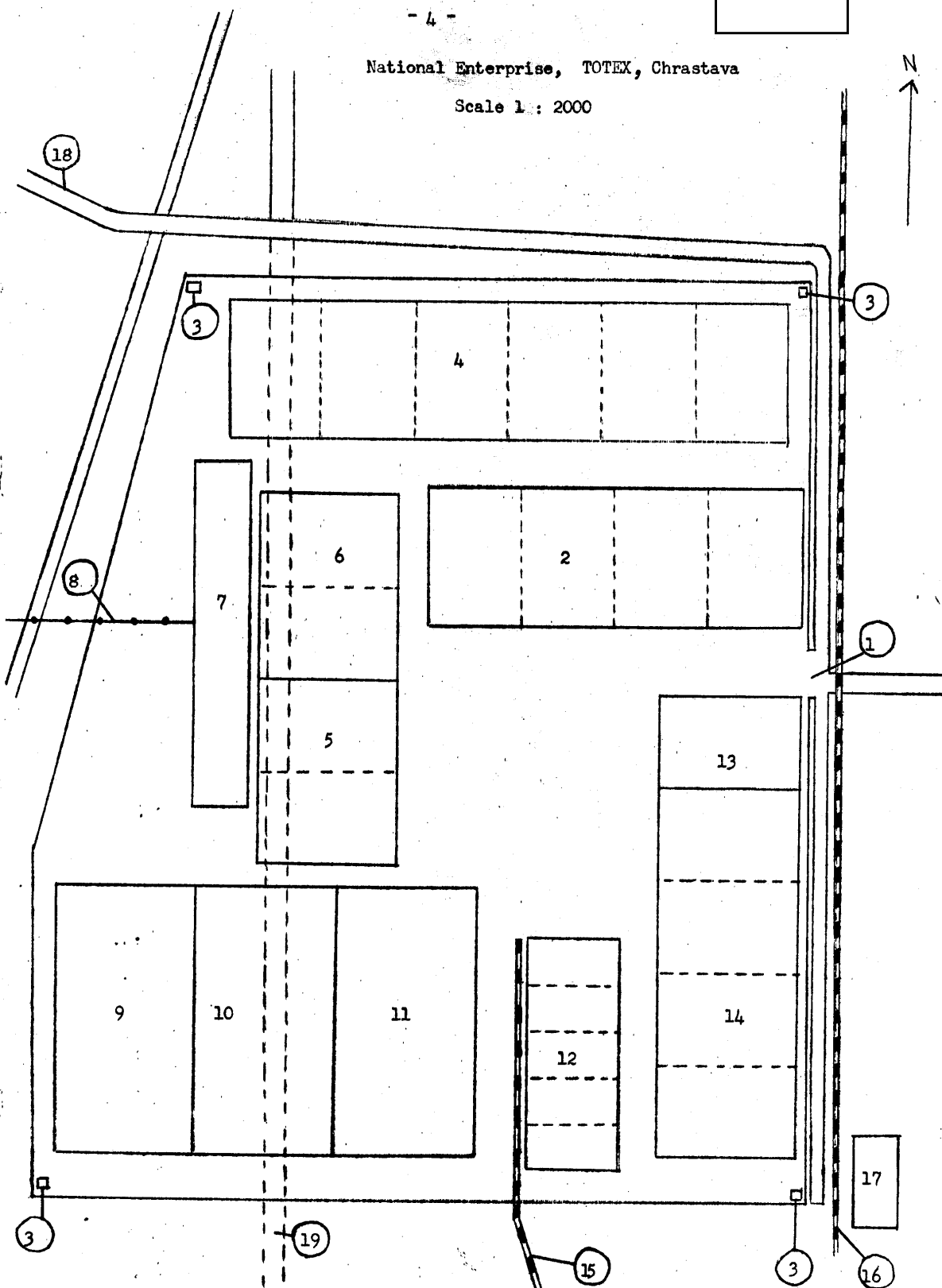
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